orn of horns and skulls were recovered. Another person named by the two offenders is absconding and has not been arrested yet. The investigation in the matter is still continuing and the case is presently with the Delhi Police. The intended destination of these wildlife articles is not yet known.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Conference Organised by Animal Welfare Board of India

15. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference organised by the Animal Welfare Board of India was recently held in Delhi;

(b) if so, what has been the outcome of the Conference;

(c) what were in general the recommendations of the conference; and

(d) what does Government propose to do with regard to the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. Animal Welfare Board of India organised a Seminar on Animal Welfare on 30-11-94 and 1-12-94.

(b) and (c) In the seminar, following were the main recommendations:—

(i) Mobilise public opinion and generate awareness.

(ii) Assisting setting up of shelter homes.

(iii) Stopage of Dog killing and adopting immunisation and sterlisation.

(iv) Setting up Mobile Courts for quick disposal of cases.

(v) Animal Welfare to be linked with Integrated Rural Development and sustiable agriculture practices

(vi) Prevention to Cruelty to Animl Act, 1960 to be revised to make it more effective.

(d) The recommendations will be examined by the Governmentt of India on receipt of the same formally rom the Animal Welfare Board of India.

Tiger Population in Wild Life Sanctuary and Melghat Sanctuary in Maharashtra

16. SHRI G. PATHAPA REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Tigers in the Tadabo Wild Life Sanctuary in Chandarpur District and Melghat Sanctuary in Amravati District, both of Maharashtra;

(b) what steps are besing taken to increase the Tiger population; and

(c) how many cases of poaching were reported in these Sanctuaries during the last three years; and what is the action taken on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The estimated tiger population as per 1993 census in Tadoba National Park and Melghat Tiger Sanctuary are 14 and 72 respectively. The boundary of Melghat Tiger Sanctuary has been redefined and there are about 50 Tigers in the same now.

(b) Intensive management practices under the Project Tiger Scheme is expected to result in improvement in Tiger populaion, its prey base and its habitat.